

**COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT  
SEAT PLEASANT, MARYLAND**

**RESOLUTION NO. R-12-09**

**Introduced By**                      **City Council**  
**Date Introduced**                  **February 13, 2012**  
**Amendments Adopted**  
**Date Adopted**                      **February 13, 2012**  
**Date Effective**                    **February 13, 2012**

**A RESOLUTION to**

**APPROVE THE CITY'S NEGOTIATIONS OF THE CABLE FRANCHISE  
AGREEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the City of Seat Pleasant have authority pursuant to Article 23A of the Annotated Code of Maryland to regulate cable television franchises within the City/Town; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has entered into a franchise agreement with Comcast of Maryland, Inc., ("Comcast"); and

**WHEREAS**, the term of the franchise agreement ends in 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has received a letter from Comcast invoking the formal renewal provisions of Section 626 of the 1984 Cable Communications Policy Act, which also indicated a desire to engage in an informal process of negotiation; and

**WHEREAS**, the City is required to perform a needs assessment as part of any renegotiation of a franchise agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the public interest that the City enter into franchise renewal negotiations with Comcast; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has been invited to be part of a joint negotiation, together with Prince George's County and other municipalities, to negotiate the renewal of the Comcast franchise; and


**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council have determined that it is in the public interest to join with Prince George's County and other municipalities, to allow the City the benefit of pooling its financial and other resources to perform the needs assessment, and to negotiate the renewal of the Comcast franchise.

**SECTION I. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Mayor and Council of the City of Seat Pleasant do hereby resolve:

1. That the Mayor and Council have determined that it is in the public interest to join with Prince George's County and other municipalities in performing a needs assessment and negotiating the renewal of the Comcast franchise agreement.
2. That the City staff are authorized to take those steps necessary to participate in the joint negotiation.

**SECTION II. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Attest:

  
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Dashaun N. Lanham  
City Clerk

Signed:

  
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Kelly Porter  
City Council President